

IRS Scam Alert Advisory

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Dover-Delaware State Police is providing a Scam Alert Advisory. This is a general alert which covers any part of the State of Delaware.

The Delaware State Police have recently received complaints from citizens in Sussex County concerning phone calls from individuals stating they are with the IRS . The scam involves a person calling claiming the victim owes money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly. If the victim refuses, they are threatened with arrest, deportation, or suspension of driver's license, amongst other things. In the most recent phone calls, the individual requests the victim send money in the form of an iTunes card.

Note that the IRS will never:

1. Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill
2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe
3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card
4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone
5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

****This information was provided through the IRS website located at: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Scams-Consumer-Alerts>****

Many of these scams are difficult to investigate. They will target persons of all age groups. Delaware State Police is

asking citizens to remember the tips previously mentioned in order to not become a victim of one of these scam artists.

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